

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

March 21 - April 1, 2010

with

Deacon Dan Laurita

I T I N E R A R Y

Day 1 - March 21 : Depart Atlanta

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our transatlantic overnight to Tel Aviv. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 - March 22: Arrive Tel Aviv

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we'll be welcomed by our local guide who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage in the Holy Land and make the Scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. After clearing Israeli Customs and Immigration, we'll board our bus and drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv.



Day 3 - March 23: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

Drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to ancient Caesarea, where St. Paul lived for two years before being taken to Rome for trial. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, Byzantine Churches, and the Aqueduct. Continue through the Valley of Sharon to the sparkling port city of Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for a scenic view of the city and the port. After visiting the Stella Maris Convent drive through the rolling hills to Nazareth. Visit the Annunciation Church, including the Grotto, Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. Proceed to Tiberias, our home for the next two nights.

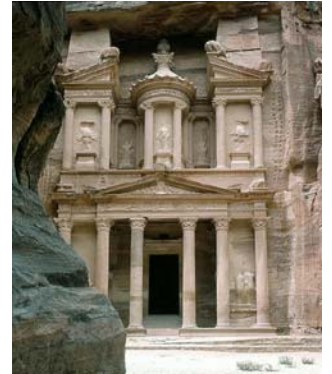
Day 4 - March 24: Tiberias

This morning drive to Cana of Galilee where Our Lord performed the first miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here, we'll invite couples to renew their wedding vows. Then ascend Mt. Tabor to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus and the beautiful scenery of the Valley of Jezreel. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Nof Ginosar and take a look at the perfectly intact 2,000-year old boat uncovered on its shores. Proceed to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where He taught, drive to Bethsaida, home of Jesus' followers, Peter, Philip and Andrew as well as the location where Jesus healed the blind man. Visit Tabgha, site of the multiplication

of the loaves and fishes. The Church of St. Peter's Primacy will be our next stop, followed by a visit to the Mt. of the Beatitudes which was the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Continue on to the traditional baptismal site where we will renew our baptismal vows.

Day 5 - March 25: Tiberias / Petra

Drive to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge to cross into Jordan. Travel south through the desert to Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Take a horse-ride through the Siq to the ancient city of Petra which was rediscovered in 1912. The valley is enclosed by sandstone cliffs with shades of red, purple and pale yellow. This Rose-Red city was founded by the Nabatean Arabs as their capital city. We'll be awed as we view the masterpieces of the Treasury made famous by the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade", the Monastery, the Triumphal Arch and the Roman Amphitheatre. The remains of Petra bear eloquent testimony to its former power, wealth and architecture.



Day 6 - March 26: Petra / Amman

Depart Petra and drive north to Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. If we have a clear day, we may even capture a glimpse of Jerusalem's skyline. Continue on to Madaba, a Byzantine centre of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map of the Holy Land. Then proceed to Amman, Jordan's capital which, like Rome, sprawls over seven hills and was built by the Romans.

Day 7- March 27: Amman / Jerusalem

Early this morning depart Amman and drive to the Allenby Bridge to cross back into Israel. After clearing Israeli customs and immigration we'll board our bus and drive to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western World. From the top of the ancient 'tel' we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Mt. of Temptation, and the Sycamore tree to remind us of the story of Zaccheus. Proceed to the Oasis of Ein Gedi, famous for its spring and waterfalls. Swim in the salty, mineral-laden and unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea. On to Qumran, the home of the Essene Community, where we will see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a shepherd boy. Drive on to Jerusalem, our home for the next four nights.

Day 8 - March 28: Jerusalem - PALM SUNDAY

This morning we will proceed to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to participate in the Pontifical Mass marking Palm Sunday. Then in the afternoon we will drive to Bethphage

which commemorates the spot where Our Lord commenced His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the colt of an ass. We will take part in the Palm Sunday Procession with the Latin Patriarch, the Franciscans, boys and girls scouts, pilgrims, and the local Christian community over the Mt. of Olives to St. Anne's Church.



Day 9 - March 29: Jerusalem

This morning view from outside the Dome of the Rock and el Aqsa Mosque. Nearby visit the Wailing Wall, the only part of the Herodian Temple still standing and the most sacred place in the world for Jews. Drive to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. Visit the Church of the Nativity, the Manger, the Church of St. Catherine, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Milk Grotto and the Shepherds' fields. In the afternoon drive to the gentle lush countryside of Ein Karem, the village where John the Baptist was born, where we will see the Church of the Visitation which commemorates the meeting of Elizabeth and Mary and the Church of St. John.

Day 10 - March 30: Jerusalem

Drive to the Mt. of Olives for a panoramic city view of the "Golden City" of Jerusalem. Stand atop the Mt. of Olives as Jesus did and enjoy the spectacular view. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, the Chapel of Ascension, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. On to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations and the Cave of the tomb of Mary. Drive through the Kedron Valley to see the Tombs of Absalom, Zacharia and James. Proceed to Bethany to visit the Tomb of Lazarus. This afternoon we walk through the narrow winding and cobblestoned streets of this historic capital. Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and view the Pool of Bethesda. Visit the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Follow Our Lord



on the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we will begin our visit with a prayer service in St. Helen's Crypt to celebrate her finding of the True Cross, and pay special homage to Calvary and the Tomb of Jesus. This evening there will be a special Farewell Middle Eastern Dinner party with wine, soft drinks, coffee and tea. (B,D)

Day 11 - March 31: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

Drive to Mt. Zion to visit Upper Room where Our Lord ate the Last Supper with His disciples, King David's Tomb, Dormition Abbey where Mary "fell into eternal sleep", and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. In the afternoon drive to Old Jaffa which was traditionally believed to have been founded by Japheth, son of Noah. Peter was here, in the home of Simon the Tanner where he brought Tabitha back from the dead. Visit St. Peter's Church and walk in the beautiful artist's quarter. After an early dinner in Old Jaffa transfer to Tel Aviv Airport to catch our late evening return flight home.

Day 12 - April 1: Tel Aviv / Atlanta

This morning we arrive back in Atlanta following our overnight flight from Tel Aviv.

TOUR COST

\$3,130.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single room please add \$565.00.

This price includes:

- * Roundtrip airfare from Atlanta on Delta Airlines
- * All airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- * Accommodation in First Class hotels
- * All hotel taxes
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- * All transfers & baggage handling
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with local Christian guides
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Jordanian entry visa and all border-crossing taxes

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Print Names (as they appear on each person's passport):

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